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In re the Application of: **KIKUGAWA, Atsushi et al.**

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For: **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET HAVING
CORROSION-RESISTANT FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application and supplemental to the amendment filed on September 8, 2003 to be reconsidered along with the RCE filed on November 12, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.